

Base Ball Today! Keokee vs. Big Stone Gap

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Four Men Arrested.

Accused of the Murder of Policeman R. L. Pippin Here on December 2nd.

Quite a bit of excitement prevailed in town last Thursday when it became known that three young men had been arrested, charged with the murder of R. L. Pippin, night policeman, who was found dead in the morning of December 2nd in the street near the town hall with two bullet holes through his body.

Although a reward of \$900 was offered for the apprehension of the guilty parties, the public, generally, thought the case had been dropped, after it seemed the police had been completely baffled. But it develops that officers have been continually working on a clue that caused the arrest of Lucian Bishop, at Duffield, on last Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Frank Carter, of Appalachia, and Tom Lawson, of Norton. The prisoner was secretly brought to this place and at a late hour that night was taken to Wise in an automobile, where he was placed in jail. Bishop admitted that he was in Big Stone Gap on the night Pippin was killed, but claimed that Fred Baker, who is well known here as a ball player, fired the fatal shots, using his (Bishop's) revolver.

A warrant was immediately procured for Baker and Sheriff Carter arrested him at Dante at 6 o'clock Friday morning, where he recently signed to play ball with the Dante club this season. He was also brought to Wise and lodged in jail, but he refused to make any statement other than he was innocent and demanded an immediate hearing.

The same officers went back to Duffield Saturday morning and arrested another suspect, Edward Parrish, and brought him to this place. He was later released on a bond of \$5000, which was furnished by his father, J. W. Parrish. Young Parrish refused to talk about the case, although he stated that at the proper time he would tell all he knew. Oscar Wilkins, of Duffield, who is thought to be an accomplice in the crime, was arrested in Bluefield Sunday, and lodged in jail at Wise Sunday night.

It is claimed the prosecution have evidence to show that all three young men from Duffield were here on the night Pippin was killed, in company with other young men of this place, and state that later developments will produce some startling facts which will show that it was one of the most outrageous crimes ever committed in this section. After all suspects have been arrested a preliminary hearing will probably be held here some time this week, probably on Friday.

The clues which led to the arrest of these young men were due mostly to the efficient work of Deputy Sheriff Carter, of Appalachia, and W. B. Kilbourn, of this place, who express the utmost belief that the guilty parties are now in custody.

Primary Entertainment.

The primary music pupils and primary and grammar grade pupils of the public school will give an entertainment in the School Auditorium Monday evening, May 24th, at eight o'clock.

FAMOUS AVIATOR

Will Fly at the Big Celebration in Big Stone Gap on July 2nd and 3rd.

Mr. E. Drennen, who, as a representative of the Athletic Association, is in New York to make arrangements for an air ship, wired yesterday that Mr. Lucky, the famous aviator, has canceled his Canadian appointments and will fly at the Gap on July 2nd and 3rd. The Association had a proposition from Mr. Lucky for one of his assistants to fly and Mr. Drennen's visit to New York was to employ Lucky to personally make the flight and we take pleasure in announcing the greatest public aviator of the day will fly here on July 2nd and 3rd, and the Association guarantees a flight rain, shine, thunder or lightning. Lucky will inspect the grounds and location as soon as his business will permit his coming down here. Lucky "Dip of Death" has astonished the world. Full particulars later.

The Seniors Entertained by the Juniors.

Saturday night the Graduating Class, or Seniors, were delightfully entertained by the Junior Class at the school building, in one of the music rooms, which was made beautiful by large quantities of pink roses, pink and white crepe paper streamers and shades.

Numerous unique and enjoyable contests were held, also games, the first being the conversation dance, and the next Shakespeare's Love Story contest, in which Miss Matt Brown and Jerome Wells won the prize, a beautiful bunch of pink and white carnations. After the prophesy of the class was told from some of the relics of their childhood, they were ushered into the hall where delicious refreshments were served in the form of their past, present and future. Their past being bread and milk served in cups, their present, salads and sandwiches, and their future being hot tea and brown bread. Delicious punch was served from a tastefully decorated booth during the evening. At the close the color scheme of pink and white was daintily carried out in the black ice cream and cakes.

Just the Seniors and a few of their friends and the high school teachers were invited to this enjoyable affair.

The Juniors present were Misses Gladys Lyle, Lillian Head, Bess Palmer, Mary Gilly, Janie Thompson, Matt Nickels, Myra Cawood, Eunice Darnell, Hattie Johnson, Dorothy and Eula Tackett; Messrs. Sidney Mullins, Oliver Swan, Lester Jesse, Morgan Burchett, Gordon Young, Paul Wolfe, Peter Wolfe and Billy Baker.

The teachers invited were: Mrs. Sadie Lanham, Miss Emma Duncan, Miss Irma Orr, Miss Nell Van Gorder and Prof. R. H. Akers.

The Seniors are: Misses Kathleen Knight, Edna Catron, Lillian Wolfe, Myrtle Nickels, Miriam Taylor, Grace Long, Thelma Baker, Matt Brown, Fannie and Louella Johnson, and John Lane and Straley Kelly.

The others invited were Geo. Rhoads, Robt. Ingle, Paul Martin, Jerome Wells, Harry Taylor, Earl Willis, Simon and Reuben Banks.

NOTICE.

Bids will be received until June 5th, 1915, for the construction of a seven room school building at Rye Cove, Va. Plans and specifications may be seen at the school building in Rye Cove after May 17th. W. J. ROLLINS, Chairman of Building Committee.

U. D. C's. Entertained at Imboden.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy were delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. H. Hagy, at her home at Imboden, Wednesday afternoon, May 12th.

Fourteen members answered to roll call, after which reports were read from members of the various committees. Mrs. J. L. McCormick, the delegate to the district meeting held in Pulaski, gave a very interesting report of the meeting. Mrs. W. T. Goodloe reported that the gold medal given for the best composition on Virginia Leads by one of the pupils in the grammar grades, was won by Miss Adelaide Pettit. The judges were Messrs. J. W. Chalkley, Mayo Cabell and Rev. J. B. Craft. The scholarship medal was won by Miss Lucile Martin in the High School Department. These medals will be awarded at the closing of the school.

After the business session was closed the following program was heartily enjoyed. A paper, "Was Secession Rebellion," by Miss Eugenia Baumgardner. A paper, "Slavery," by Mrs. R. T. Irvine. A solo, "Little Pink Rose," was sung by Miss Josephine Hamilton. Mrs. J. B. Ayers read the poem, "The Twelfth of May." Mrs. H. A. W. Sken read the prize winning composition, "Virginia Leads," written by Miss Adelaide Pettit. Mrs. L. O. Pettit also sang very sweetly a solo.

Mrs. Hagy, assisted by her sister, Miss Hamilton, served delicious strawberry ice cream and cake.

The members present were: Messdames L. O. Pettit, S. A. Bailey, R. T. Irvine, J. L. McCormick, C. O. Long, J. B. Ayers, M. C. McCorkle, H. A. W. Sken, H. A. Alexander, J. H. Hagy, George Taylor, W. T. Goodloe, Mrs. Walker, Misses Eugenia Baumgardner, Josephine Hamilton and Janet Bailey.

Miss Virginia Gilliam.

Wise, Va., May 12.—Miss Virginia Gilliam, 27 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Gilliam, died at her home here this morning about 7:30 of rheumatism. She had been ill for some time, but her illness only became serious in the last few days when the trouble began to affect her heart.

Miss Gilliam was a member of one of the leading families of this section.

J. G. Munsey spent a few days in town with his family last week.

Getting Ready For the Confederate Reunion in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., May 17th.—The second week in May finds plans for the twenty-fifth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, scheduled to be held in Richmond, June 1, 2 and 3, all but whipped into perfect shape. Work of preparing for the handling of the reunion and the vast crowds that are expected to attend has been so thoroughly distributed by the committee system employed that Richmond will be ready to receive the visitors weeks before the actual opening date.

The 1915 reunion, which comes fifty years after the fall of Richmond and the end of the War Between the States, is expected to be of the utmost significance and solemnity. To Richmond in June will come the greatest gathering of survivors of the Confederate army that has perhaps ever been seen. With them will come thousands of visitors, relatives, and curiosity seekers, who will find much of interest during the week to repay them for the trip.

Acceptances from many Southern Governors of the invitation to attend the reunion as the guests of the Confederates have been received. The presence of so many State executives will lend much to the importance of the occasion. President Wilson's reply to the invitation of the general committee is still in obedience. That he also will attend is the expectation of those in charge of the reunion.

Richmond, almost to the last man, is animated with the desire to make the twenty-fifth reunion the greatest event in memory of the old Confederates. For one week the great city will be turned over to the visitors in strict truth. Each person seems determined that business and private affairs are to give place to the greater duty of entertaining the reunion.

Great plans have been made for the decoration of the city and the Court of Honor, in particular. The Court of Honor is to be located at Lee Circle, in Monument Avenue, a situation ideally suited to such a purpose. Brick and mortar in all Richmond is to be covered with flags and bunting during the first week in June and the city will indeed present a beautiful appearance.

Attorney W. S. Cox, of Gate City, was in town last Thursday on professional business.

Dickenson County.

Freeling, Va., May 15.—Daniel McFall has been confined to the sick room for several days.

Tom McCann has left Freeling, and has taken up his abode at the goodly town of Shelby Gap, Ky.

Millard McFall is building a house on Pine Creek, which he expects to have ready for occupancy within the next week or two.

Corn planting is practically done in this section, and the acreage planted is at least one-third larger than that of last year.

The invigorating showers of the past few days have greatly enlivened vegetation which had been suffering from the effect of the drought.

Aunt Polly McFall, as she is familiarly called, is the oldest person in this neighborhood, her age being near 80. She is still active and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the neighborhood. Being a widow, she manages her own affairs, keeping a cow, a number of hogs and many fowls.

Miss Laura Killen, of Osborn's Gap, visited friends at Freeling during the week.

Alseberry Huff has just returned from a visit to relatives at Fleming, Ky.

Radford Normal Notes.

On Wednesday evening Rev. Thos. Priddy addressed the Young Women's Christian Association on the responsibilities and opportunities of young women as teachers in the Sunday School and workers in the churches and communities in which they live. This is one of a series of addresses given before the Young Women's Christian Association by the pastors of the Radford city churches.

May 15th has been fixed as the date of the unveiling of the memorial tablet in the Ingles Literary Society Hall in honor of Mrs. Mary Draper Ingles for whom the Society is named. Hon. A. T. Eskridge, a lineal descendant of Mrs. Ingles, will deliver the address. Many of the most prominent people of the South are descendants of Mrs. Ingles.

Miss Florence Baird spent Friday and Saturday at Galax as one of the judges in the Inter High School County Contest in oration, debate, declamation, essay, music, etc.

Supt. J. H. Stephens, of Montgomery County, spent Thursday at the Normal School for the use of a number of the rural schools of Montgomery County as demonstration and practice schools in connection with the Normal School for the next session. The members of the Senior Class of the Normal School will observe and teach in these rural schools on certain days each week, thereby familiarizing themselves with the conditions and needs of rural public school work.

On last Saturday night a reception and banquet were given in the Senior Class by the Junior Class in the dormitory. The faculty were also guests of the Junior Class.

The new dormitory is nearing completion. The furniture and equipment for the dormitory has been bought and the new dormitory will be ready for use during the Summer Normal, opening June 14.

At the recent Conference for Education and Industry held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Dr. J. P. McConnell was elected Virginia representative on the General Executive Board of this Conference, which includes all the Southern States.

Closing of School Exercises.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Public School Auditorium by Rev. L. P. Martin.

Monday night an operetta, Fairland, given by the children in the Primary grades, under the careful instruction of the Primary grade teachers.

Wednesday night will be the Graduation Exercises at the School Building, followed by the Alumni Banquet at the Monte Vista Hotel.

Thursday night Mrs. S. A. Bailey's music pupils will give a recital at the School Building.

Elopement of Popular Couple.

Miss Edna Carrier, of Appalachia, and Mr. Wm. A. Jones, of East Stone Gap, surprised their many friends by eloping to Cumberland Gap Wednesday, where they were united in marriage.

The bride, who is the daughter of W. H. Carrier, is a very beautiful and attractive young lady and a member of a family long prominent in Southwest Virginia.

Mr. Jones is the assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Appalachia, and is a nephew of Mr. C. F. Blanton, one of our townsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are very popular and have a large circle of friends in the surrounding community, and at Appalachia, where they will make their future home, who wish them a long, happy, and prosperous life.

Frank Fisher, Jr., of Fairmont, W. Va., spent a few days in the Gap last week.

Esserville Notes.

The home of Mr. David Wells was the scene of a happy, though sad event, May 9, when his brothers and sisters gathered in and had a family reunion.

The family of children, of which there are ten, ranging in age from 53 to 72, and whose names from the oldest to the youngest are as follows: Mr. Jerry Wells, of East Stone Gap; Mr. Tazewell Wells, of Wise; Mr. Wynnfield Wells, of Esserville; Mr. David Wells, of Esserville; Mrs. Nancy Kilgore, of Esserville; Mrs. George Smith, of Esserville; Mrs. Julia Baker, of Dryden; Mr. Leo Wells, of Norton; Mr. Brickie Wells, of Jonesville; Mr. Abe Wells, of Esserville.

They are the children of Mr. James Wells and Mrs. Janette Wells, who lived and died here where David Wells now lives. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom are now living.

Mr. Wells died at the age of 53 years, and Mrs. Wells lived to be 87. At the time of her death, five years ago, she had 10 children, 74 grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Birthday Party.

Miss Louise Nickels, the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Nickels, was the delightful hostess of a birthday party at her home Monday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock, in honor of her ninth birthday.

Misses Nell Jenkins, Evelyn Alsover and Hazel Fuller guessed correctly the twelve advertisements and after drawing straws Nell Jenkins won the prize, a box of paper. Louise Holton won the prize for putting a puzzle together the quickest.

Mrs. Bogard, Misses Grace Long, Retta Thompson and Janet Bailey assisted in entertaining the young guests, and after many other games, served delicious ice cream and cake.

Louise received many beautiful and useful presents from her friends who wished her many "re happy birthdays."

Those present were: Margaret Taylor, Evelyn Alsover, Caroline Goodloe, Margaret Wolfe, Vera Pettit, Julia McCormick, Gilberta Knight, Lois and Adelaide Witt, Elsie Wells, Hazel Fuller, Amelia Morrison, Mildred Wolfe, Adelaide Winston, Jack Head, Katherine Painter, Janet Gilmer, Katherine Barrier, Louise Holton, Nell Jenkins, William Nickels and George Bogard.